WARYOFTHETROLLEYWEB

LARCHMONT PEOPLE PREFER THEIR COMPANY TO THE "HUCKLEBERRY."

ONLY A MILE OF TRACK NEEDED TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN MAMARONECK

AND TARRYTOWN. meeting of the residents of Larchmont was held yesterday afternoon, and methods were con-sidered by which to escape the meshes of the "Huckleberry" Railroad, which is seeking to come through the Manor in the Boston Post Road and omplete the connection between the parent New-York line and its new line, which it recently purchased and which crosses Westchester County from Mamaroneck-on-Sound to Tarrytown-on-Hudson, passing through White Plains. The gap which the company seeks to span is only about a mile, but it is the key to the trolley situation along the entire eastern shore of Westchester County, and by holding it open the people of Larchmont have so far kept a trolley line out of the Boston Post Road, as no company east of Larchmont has been able to offer its patrons a continuous ride to New-York, New-Rochelle, Mount Vernon or any of the

places between. Each time a trolley corporation applied for franchise in the post road it was denied ceremony. Its agents were told that the Larchont Horse Railroad fully met all of the requirements of transit in the Manor and that the residents did not want a line connecting them with New-York City and offering cheap fares as an inducement to Sunday crowds and strollers, who would monopolize the parks and beaches which they had improved for the use of their families,

ALMOST CLOSES THE GAP. This state of affairs would perhaps have con-tinued indefinitely had not the "Ruckleberry" road secured control of the highway on both the New-Rochelle and Mamaroneck sides of the Manor and put large forces of men to work building its lines. action of the authorities of these places in letting in the "Huckleberry" road has changed the situation in Larchmont completely, and the people are now confronted with the possibility that unless something is done the "Huckleberry" company will eventually get control of their one mile of high way, and then just what they have been contending against will take place.

At the meeting yesterday, which was presided over by President Carlsen Wendt, an application for a franchise was made by the "Huckleberry" road, and the Larchmont Horse Railroad Com pany filed a counter application. Both were read pany filed a counter application. Both were read and presented to the citizens for their consideration. In the debate that followed, and in which nearly a dozen of the best known residents took part, it was shown that while Larchmont had not receded from its opposition to trolley lines on its highways, it preferred its home company to a foreign corporation. Judge Warren Higley, who was one of the speakers, declared that if a vote was taken nearly every one of the 200 property owners then in the room would reject a proposition to put an electric railroad in the Boston Post Road.

THE HORSE RAILROAD'S CASE.

President Charles A. Singer, of the Larchmon Horse Railroad Company, in presenting its cause filed a petition which he said contained the names of the owners of 90 per cent of the property along the proposed route. He said that the signatures

of the owners of 90 per cent of the property along the proposed route. He said that the signatures had been obtained of a number of people who were not in favor of trolley roads, but who, fearing that some company would eventually force its way through the Manor, preferred a corporation composed of the residents of Larchmont, rather than the "Huckleberry" or Union Railway. A. B. De Frece, jr. an attorney representing the "Huckleberry" Railroad, set forth its claims of cheap fares to Tarrytown, White Plains, New-Rochelle, Mount Vernon and New-York. He promised that if his company obtained the franchise it will build at once, as it has materials and laborers within easy reach in adjoining towns. Judge Higley, although opposing trolleys, thought that he would prefer the "Huckleberry" to the local company. The trustees, he suggested, should put a price on the franchise it they determined to grant it, and make both companies bid for it.

William Murray, treasurer of the Larchmont Yacht Club, and one of the largest property owners in the Manor, said that he was opposed to trolleys, but believed that now that tracks are being laid on each side of the Manor, they are bound to come in. "If it were in my power," said Mr. Murray, "I would eliminate every track from the Post Road, and prevent any from being put there, but we must face conditions as they exist. Under the Larchmont Horse Railroad the interests of the people here will always be taken care of as they always have been. The men who are in the company, of New-York, also favored the local company, and said that he didn't believe that any foreign corporation would become so intensely interested that it would go out of its way to do Larchmont any good. W. S. Alley expressed a similar view, while Mr. Myers, Joseph Gilder, Mrs. Hearn and one or two others were unalterably opposed to a franchise being granted under any circumstances.

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The only person who was unequivocally for the "Huckleberry" company was W. C. Figney, a wholesale druggist. He wanted better means to reach the railroad station, he said, so that he would not miss the trains for New-York.
After giving every one a chance to be heard the trustees adjourned the meeting. Mr. Wendt said that it would probably be a week or more before a decision is reached.

CERTIFICATE OF EXTENSION FILED. PORT CHESTER COMPANY MEANS TO BUILD NEW BRANCHES FIVE MILES LONG.

The Port Chester Street Rallway Company yesterday filed certificates of extension in the County Clerk's office, showing that it proposes to construct branches of its present system along the Boston Post Road in the townships of Rye and Mamaroneck and upon several other highways in Mamaroneck Village. The streets in the village which the statement names are Barry-ave., Rall-road-ave., Mamaroneck-ave., Tompkins-ave., Unionave. High-st., Rushmore-st. and Palmer-ave., the total distance being about five miles.

This latest scheme of the Port Chester Company, which has continuously defied law and order, is regarded by the taxpayers along the proposed route garded by the taxpayers along the proposed route as about the most audaclous attempt yet made to seize some of the finest roads in the county. Should the company obtain franchises for the highways named it would result in establishing trolley communication from Harlem to the Connecticut line, with the possible exception of a mile in Larchmont Manor.

It would also gridiron the corporation of Mamaroneck, for the company would make connections with the Tarrytown, White Plains and Mamaroneck branch of the "Huckleberry" system, and by running a local system that village would have more trolleys probably than any other place of its size.

Many people have already expressed themselves as strenuously opposed to allowing the company to acquire these rights, and it is doubtful whether it will be able to obtain the franchises from the authorities.

WOMEN CONDUCT A SKETCH MART. The alumns and the Students' Association of the Woman's Art School of Cooper Union, brought to a successful close last night their annual Christmas sketch mart, by an auction sale of their pictures. The collection consisted of original sketches in pencil, oil or water color, casts, posters, photographs and decorative work. Most of it was the product of the students, but the alumnæ also contributed freely, and the following well known artists presented some of their work to the mart: Walter Appleton Clark, Robert Reid, Cecilia Beaux, Maxfield Parrish, Howard Christy, J. H. Twachtman, Willard Metcalf, F. S. Church, Albert Lee, W. J. Ener, Mary Hallock Foote, Douglas Volk, F. Luis Mora, Rhoda Holmes Nicholls, R. Swain Gifford and Parmela Smith. The proceeds of the saie exceeded \$300, which will be devoted to the maintenance of a luncheon room, a sketch class and a composition class for the students.

THE REPORTED INDICTMENT OF GATNOR John F. Gaynor, one of the most influential men the Atlantic Contracting Company, who is said to have been indicted in Savannah in conjunction with others connected with this company upon a charge of conspiring with O. M. Carter, formerly a captain of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., to de-fraud the United States Government in connection with contracts in Savannah Harbor, is a well known Democratic politician in the State, treasurer of the Democratic State Committee and reputed to be wealthy. Mr. Gaynor is often to be found to be wealthy. Mr. Gaynor is often to be found around the Hoffman House. Efforts to find him there yesterday, however, were unsuccessful. It was said that Mr. Gaynor in talking over the matter with his friends declared that he had no apprehension about the outcome of any possible proceedings in Savannah. Carter, as is well known, was convicted by court martial, and after a hard fight to have the finding of the Court set aside was finally sent to prison, where he now is.

BROWN'S NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 9 (Special).-The football season is over, the weather is too mild for skating and the term examinations are so near at hand that everybody is studying. A voting contest is being conducted by "The Brown Daily Herald" to determine the name by which the new athletic grounds shall be known. Thus far the vote is almost unanimous for Andrews Field, in henor of the president, to whose hearty interest and support Brown's rise to prominence in the athletic world has been so largely due. Her total score in football for the last year was if to her opponents 61, with games against Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Chicago among the number. and the term examinations are so near at hand

KNOWN TO-MORROW.

The coffee muddle was cleared little as of the public hearing yesterday before the Health Board. The question at issue was practically the same as it has been—Can coffee likely to be tainted with bubonic germs be made harmless by disin fection? At the hearing President Murphy Health Board, sustained by President York of the Police Board and Dr. Crosby, maintained that disinfection don't kill, whereas Dr. Doty and Dr. Jen-

kins contended that it does.

John E. Seager, president of the Prince Line, appeared and protested against the action of the Health Board in refusing to allow the cargo of the Roman Prince to land. He made his plea on the ground that there had been no sickness on the ship although she had sailed from Santos, and that the Custom House authorities and the State Health Officer had given their permission for the landing In reply President Murphy said that he had never clared that all coffee from Santos should be prohibited, but only that the cargo of the J. W. Tay on which there had been cases of the bubonic plague, should not come ashore unless it was shown that all possible germs had been destroyed.

Dr. Doty and Mr. Murphy then engaged in a lively tilt over the matter of germs. The subject of germs led to that of fleas, and fleas gave way to rats. At last Mr. Murphy, fearing that he migh worsted, produced some algebraic formula, which he said he had obtained from the Encycle

pædia Britannica. The force of Mr. Murphy's remarks, however, wa sadly impaired, when it was discovered that his reference books were published more than two

years ago. Among those who appeared before the Board were H. W. Edye, of the firm of Funch, Edye & Co., Among those who appeared before the Board were H. W. Edye, of the firm of Funch, Edye & Co., agents of one of the detained vessels; John H. Taylor, president of the Coffee Exchange; James N. Jarvie, Herman Sielken, Thomas L. McIntyre and other representatives of large coffee houses. After the meeting Mr. Taylor asked Commissioner York what the latter thought might be the disposition of the cargoes of the three ships on which there had been no illness. In answer, Mr. York said it might safely be assumed that if a ship reported no illness it would finally be permitted to lind. President Murphy thersupon added that the owners of these ships on which there had been no sickness would be informed to-morrow as to the decision of the Board, which will hold a meeting on that day at 9:30 a. m. The lighters, having on board the cargo of the Taylor were permitted to be removed from Quarantine to Bettel's Basin, a half mile distant. C. N. Swift, a coffee roaster, presented a petition to let the coffee come ashore after he had roasted it. If permission was granted, he said, he would put up a plant in midstream. Dr. Doty finally promised Mr. Seager that he would write to Washington immediately to obtain a special permit and a clean bill of health for the Roman Prince, so that she might proceed to some other port.

WANT TO KEEP MILLER'S MAIL.

APPLICATION HEARD TO PREVENT THE POST-MASTER RETURNING IT TO THE SENDERS.

Judge Thomas, of the United States District Court, heard arguments yesterday morning on the application of certain creditors of the Franklin Syn dicate to have Postmaster Wilson enjoined from returning to the original senders money orders ad dressed to the Franklin Syndicate. The petitioners were represented by Samuel J. Belford, and United States District Attorney George W. Pettit appeared for the postmaster.

Mr. Pettit strenuously opposed the injunction or several grounds-first that the petitioners had failed to show the connection between them and the Franklin Syndicate; secondly, that all the mails were received conditionally any way, and that the Government had a perfect right to stop the mail in transit, and, thirdly, that the postmaster had com-plied with the "fraud order" already and had returned the mail to the original senders. It was naintained by the other side that the postmaster had no right to return the letters until the courts had decided the case. Judge Thomas said that the points raised by Mr. Pettit were well taken. He, wever, allowed the counsel to submit briefs, and said that he would reserve his decision.

Judge Thomas then appointed John B. Lord as receiver of the Miller concern. Mr. Lord had also been appointed by the Supreme Court, but the double appointment will only facilitate the work. The police believe that the books captured at No.

144 Floyd-st, contained the complete and accurate transactions of the concern. The books have all been sent to Mulberry Street, where they are locked up pending developments.

The police are still actively engaged in the search for Miller, and yesterday seemed more confident than ever of effecting his capture. Just what foundation there was for this remarkable renewal of hope it is impossible to say, but the fact remains that one of the officials at Headquarters in Brooklyn declared with marked confidence that Miller would be in the hands of the authorities within a week. There is a suggestion that his assertion was simply another phase of the official grame of bluff" that has been carried on by the Brooklyn of bluff" 144 Floyd-st, contained the complete and accurate

week. There is a suggestion that his assertion was simply another phase of the official "game of bluff" that has been carried on by the Brooklyn detective force since its members allowed Miller to slip through their fingers on the day of the collapse of the money mill. It is not outside of possibility, though, that Miller, tired of remaining in hiding and resting under the idea that the prosecuting authorities have a silm case against him, is now willing to surrender himself, or, at least, to open negotiations to that end.

The case of Louis H. Miller, the brother of the fugitive, is to be decided to-morrow morning by Judge Brenner in the Adams-st, police court. That fact that the young man was able to furnish si,000 in money in lieu of a bond would seem to indicate that the Miller family is not entirely devoid of means.

GIVES UP A 156 PER CENT PLAN.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 9.-Horace E. Fanshawe, who was conducting a "get rich quick" scheme, by which he promised to pay clients 156 per cent a year, has abandoned his plan. A deputy superintendent of banking made a thorough investigation of Fanshawe's methods, and the latter gave him proof that he had given up the business.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH C. HOAGLAND. The Board of Directors of the Royal Baking Powder Company yesterday adopted the following minute in regard to the death of Joseph C. Hoagland, which occurred last Friday at his home, No. 27 West Fifty-first-st.:

It is with deep sorrow that we learn of the death of Mr. Joseph C. Hoagland, former president of the Royal Baking Power Company, one of the founders of the company and from its inciplency until recently actively associated in its management, and to whose untiling energy and high business ability are in a large measure due the prosperity of the company.

company.

We beg to tender to Mrs. Hoagland and the members of the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy and condolence, and it is directed that this minute be entered upon our records and a copy thereof be presented to Mrs. Hoagland, with the individual expression of respect of the members of the Board.

The offices of the company will be closed to-morrow, when the funeral will be held, as a mark of respect to Mr. Hoagland.

SMOKER OF THE KIT-KAT CLUB.

The Kit-Kat Club gave a smoker last night at its rooms, No. 12 East Fifteenth-st., which were decorated with the pictures that members of the club had painted in the course of their summer outlings. The regular club outing this year was at Middletown, N. Y., and lasted two weeks. Arthur E.

Blackmore, the president, went to England and had several scenes in Cornwall, done in oil, to show for it. These were greatly admired. Victor Perard went to Quebec, and one section of the wall was adorned last night with his impressions of the was adorned last night with his impressions of the French-Canadians. C. C. Langwill, who went to Hawaii, had the good luck to see the famous volcano there in eruption, and put it on canvas. About 150 men were present last night, enjoying their long clay pipes, the claret punch and the entertainment provided by the club: Charles Bartlett Loomis, comic recitations; Joseph R. Bolton comic readings; Dr. J. B. Hatch, cello; Louis Elmore, violin: Dr. Cook, plano, and Messrs. Hoffman and Stotzer, flute and violin.

SON OF CONGRESSMAN GARDNER KILLED.

Egg Harbor City, Dec. 9 (Special).-Alfred Gardman John J. Gardner, while attempting to cross the tracks of the West Jersey and Sea Shore Railroad at this place this morning, was struck by the New-York express, hurled a distance of one hun-New-York express, nuried a distance of one hundred feet and instantly killed. Young Gardner was riding a bleycle and did not notice the train, which runs at the rate of sixty miles an hour, until his forward wheel was on the track. While there were only a few external bruises on his body, the bleycle was demolished. Congressman Gardner had arrived from Washington only a few minutes before, and was walking toward the place of the accident when told of his son's death.

ANNIVERSARY OF A HOSPITAL. The thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of

the Presbyterian Hospital was celebrated yesterday fternoon with exercises in the dispensary of the

institution. According to custom on the celebration of anniversaries, the entire hospital was thrown open to the inspection of visitors.

After a musical programme by the choir of the Central Church, Dr. Donald Sage Mackay made a short address, in which he referred to the part hospitalists. Central Church, Dr. Donald Sage Mackay made a short address, in which he referred to the part hospitals had taken in the advance of medicine. Fully two hundred visitors inspected the various wards, operating rooms and laboratories.

COFFEE CARGOES STILL OUT. | SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' VIEWS

HEALTH BOARD TO MAKE ITS DECISION RESOLUTIONS PASSED ON THE PROPOSED PLAN TO UNIFY STATE EDUCA-

TIONAL SYSTEM. Albany, Dec. 9.-The Committee on Legislation of the Associated Academic Principals of the State of New-York, in session here, to-day discussed the tentative educational unification bill as drawn up by Judge Lincoln, statutory revision commissioner, in accordance with the views expressed by the members of the special commission appointed by Governor Roosevelt to formulate a plan to unify the educational branches of the State.

The committee is of the opinion that only such changes as are indispensable to the one purpose of unification should be made, and the whole system should be carefully guarded against any possible influence of partisan politics; that it seems unjust to deprive Regents who have served long and efficently of their votes, and that such a change is either desirable nor necessary.

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After a protracted discussion the committee unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

That if there must be a concession to a supposed call for an "infusion of new blood," the number of new Regents appointed should be as small as possible; the precedent of appointing at once so many as nine seems dangerous.

Hereafter all Regents should be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

All heads of departments and other officers should be appointed by the Regents, and subject to removal by them.

In the division of departments the secondary schools should not be separated by putting the tax-supported high schools with the elementary schools and the academies with the colleges and higher institutions. The work and the interests of secondary schools are identical, however those schools are supported. This common work and these common interests give them the right to impartial treatment at the hands of the State—a right that has been recognized from the first and the irecognizion of which has brought about among workers in such schools in New-York State a unanimity and cordial co-operation unequalled elsewhere. The separation of secondary institutions on the mere ground of financial support would be uncalled for and entirely opposed to the wishes of those most interested. The division of education into elementary, secondary and higher is recognized the world over as inherent in the nature of the work and as most useful. Obliteration of these distinctions in disregard of the judgment of nearly all practical educators could result only in confusion and disaster.

It would be unfortunate to apply the historic name of Chancellor to any salarled officer.

If it is considered essential for administration purposes to give one officer the supervision of all departments, the supervision should be only general in character, should extend only to administration matters, not to educational or scientific problems, and should be subject to full direction of the Regents.

Principals Farr, of the Glens Academy, and O. D.

FACTORY INSPECTOR CRITICISED.

sub-committee to represent the committee at the text session of the Educational Commission, which

SPEAKERS AT A CONFERENCE MAKE BITTER REMARKS ABOUT MR. WILLIAMS.

The majority of persons who were present yes terday at the conference held in the guildroom of St. Stephen's Church, in West Sixty-ninth-st., expected to hear only a discussion about the ngs of the State Factory law which went into effect a few months ago. But they were greatly sur prised, as some of the speakers made many bitter emarks about State Factory Inspector Williams. There were present representatives from nearly

all the leading clothing unions in this city, and besides members of the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor, the Consumers' League, of which Mrs. Frederick Nathan is president; the University Settlement Society, the Greenpoint Settlement, the Social Reform Club and the Women's Industrial Organization. Deputy Factory Inspectors Neely and Flannigan were also present. The Rev. F. J. Clay Moran, who is chairman of the Sweatshop Committee of the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor, was chairman. He said that he had invited State Factory Inspector Williams to attend the meeting and had written to him asking for certain information regarding the sweatshop system, but had received no word from Mr. Williams Then he went on to say that the filth in some of the sweatshops in this city was worse than any sweatshops in the Old World, and added that in a shop in which uniforms for the United States Army were made the most unsanitary conditions existed. He said he had told Governor Roosevelt about the shop in which the uniforms were made, and the Governor had sent him word that his letter had been referred to Mr. Williams, who had not as yet paid any attention to the matter, so far as Mr. Moran could learn. Mr. Moran was followed by Mrs. Frederick Nathan, who said she had received all the information she desired from Mr. Williams.

Louis Levine, of the United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers, was the next speaker. He spoke about several sweatshop where the Fadery laws were

several sweatshops where the Factory laws were violated, and said he found it was utterly useless to make a complaint of the places to the sub-offices of the State Factory Department. He was followed by Mrs. Florence Kelly, who was at one time a factory inspector in Illinois. She also criticized the officials of the State Factory Department, and Mrs. Nathan once more arose to defend them. Mrs. Nathan once more arose to defend them. Mrs. Nathan said it was unfair to enter into any criticism of the heads of that Department in their absence. Henry White, of the United Garment Workers of America, spoke about the "non-enforcement of the Factory law under discussion and the evils of the sweat shop system," and the next speaker, Herman Robinson, spoke of the work of making women's garments for shops in Fifth-ave. in crowded tenement houses.

A committee was appointed, with instructions to gather a list of 200 unlicensed places and verified addresses of unclean shops where garments are made, for the purpose of placing the matter before Governor Roosevelt. Mr. White was made chairman of this committee, and Professor Gunton was considered and professor Gunton was and a least committee.

man of this committee, and Professor chosen chairman of a legal committee. ference adjourned to January 6.

MINERALS AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION. It was said yesterday at the offices of the United States Commission that the mineral exhibit from the United States at Paris next year would be elaborate, especially the gold exhibit from California. The gold specimens from that State will represent a value of more than \$1,000,000. Heavy bonds will be given by the California State Commissioners for the gold specimens. missioners for the gold specimens. Every possible branch of mining in California will be represented. Two of the principal features will be a model quartz mill and a model of quartz mining under ground. There is also to be a model of gravel mining. The Almaden quickeliver mine in Santa Clara County has been selected as a model for a miniature of that variety of mine. A novel part of the exhibit will be a bowl three feet in diameter, which will be flied with quickeliver. In this liquid will be floated a sledge hammer.

A SMALL THEATRE PANIC.

A slight panic was caused at the Murray Hill Theatre yesterday afternoon while the matinee perfornance was going on. The audience was quieted by Roundsman Tyler and Detective Walsh, of the East Thirty-fifth-st. station, who happened to be in the playhouse at the time, and the performance, in the playhouse at the time, and the performance, which had been interrupted by the scramble to get out, was resumed. The excitement was caused by the gry of fire made by some one standing in the lobty. A few second before a fire engine going to a fire passed the theatre on the Lexington-ave, side. At the same time a woman had fainted in the lobby, and the outside doors had been opened to admit fresh air. The audience inside had heard the fire engine bells, and many were about to leave their seats to ascertain where the fire was. It was at this time that the cry of fire rang through the suitable to get out began. Tyler and Walsh were in the lobby, and, hearing the excitement inside, ran to the doors and closed them, holding the crowd inside, and assured the audience that the fire was not in the theatre building and that there was no danger. The audience then took their seats and the play was resumed.

Andrew Carnegie adheres to his determination not to discuss the attitude of Henry C. Frick, who recently resigned as chairman of the Carnegie

RELATIONS OF CARNEGIE AND FRICK.

Company. The air is full of rumors about a struggle between Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Frick, and it is said that Mr. Frick will enter a rival company. No word has been received in this city from Mr. Frick word has been received in the cary indicates about his intentions, so far as could be learned here yesterday, and all of the stories told are said to be mere guess work. It was intimated yesterday that if Mr. Frick made any stat ment Mr. Carnegie might reply to it, but this was not substantiated.

TO SELL PROPERTY OF SAFE COMPANY. Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, in the United States der directing that all the property of the bankrupt Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company be sold at public auction at Hamilton, Ohlo, and that the sale be advertised for five weeks. The Judge had previously denied an application by the receivers for leave to accept a private offer of \$400,000 for the property.

HUDSON TELEPHONE CO. IN NEW HANDS. The control of the Hudson Telephone Company has headquarters in Jersey City, has passed to Colonel J. B. Curtis, of New-York. It is believed

MOSS'S LETTER TO MAZET.

ASSEMBLYMAN WILSON WILL NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS ABOUT CALLING PLATT.

Mazet Committee, yesterday talked about the sudden adjournment of the committee and of the letter which Mr. Moss, of the committee's counsel, sent to Mr. Mazet on last Wednesday morning. "Mr. Mazet, Mr. Fallows and I agreed on Tuesday of last week that there should be no more public sessions of the committee after that of the day following," Mr. Wilson said. "I do not know why Mr. Moss was not informed of our agreement. I re-ceived a letter from Mr. Moss on Tuesday last, informing me of the session to be held at the Astor but I was too busy to attend. I received a copy of Mr. Moss's letter to Mr. Mazet, which nas been talked so much about, but not until Wednesday evening, as it had been sent to my father's house. It was not the letter which was father's house. It was not the letter which was printed in a newspaper this morning, but a much longer one. I read the copy and threw it into the waste basket. I will not say if it contained a statement that Mr. Moss had decided to call Senator Platt as a witness. I will say that Mr. Moss had not previously told the committee that he wanted to call Senator Platt as a witness. When Frank Platt was called before the committee in September I was willing to have the Senator called too, but I saw no reason for calling him, as he had not been connected with the city government."

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Mr. Moss went out of the city government. "Mr. Mazet refused to talk about the letter. The committee will not have another meeting to talk over the report to the Legislature until next week. Meanwhile Mr. Moss is to prepare a draft of the report.

SIGNAL OF DISTRESS FROM A TUG.

LACK OF APPRECIATION OF A BREAKFAST CAUSES TROUBLE.

The police boat Patrol sighted a signal of dis tress on a tug yesterday morning that brought every officer to the prow and sent the Patrol at full speed down the Bay. Not far from the Narrows it was seen that the tugboat was the John Nichols, and that she was in tow of a large flotilla of mud scows. The Nichols had set her union color down, and a moment later kicked off her train of scows and went tooting out to sea. By dint of all the steam in her the Patrol soon overhauled the tug, and three of the officers went aboard.

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The first member of the John Nichola's crew to say anything was Engineer Hoye.

"He tried to kill me, he did," said the engineer.

"Who did?" asked an officer.

"He did," replied Hoye, pointing to a man whose apron showed him to be the cook.

"He tried to kill me with a knife, he did," continued the engineer. "We were at breakfast. It was a bum breakfast, too. I couldn't eat it. It wasn't no good and I told him so. What did he do? Why, he up with a carver and let go at me. That's what he did."

Although Hoye was to all appearances unhurt, the cook was arrested and taken to the station on Staten Island. He gave his name as Alexander Anderson. The John Nichols then took up her tow of scows and started for Perth Amboy. Robinson, of the Albany High School, were selected

COMPLAINTS OF CUBAN PRISONS.

RELICS OF SPANISH ADMINISTRATION-A ROUGH

Hayana, Dec. 9.-Complaints are made by prisoners of the bad state of the prisons, where, they declare, they are obliged to sleep on the stone floors and suffer many other abuses. Senor Mora, the Supreme Court Fiscal, said to-day that the prison system was a legacy of the Spanish administration. The prisons, he admitted, are not in good condition, adding, however, that other reforms for the island demand more immediate attention. The prisoners meanwhile are awaiting de

affairs in Havana demands firm treatment on the part of the judges, as at the end of the Spanish administration many confirmed criminals were set at liberty, and four hundred were brought to the city from Ceuta. Many of these criminals are in Havana, and should be severely treated in order to preserve the law.

by a New-York police official, who expressed himself as astounded at the condition of affairs. Moran, a saflor on board the Indiana, who

been in fail here for a year, was placed on trial yesterday and acquitted, the judges deciding that yesterday and acquitted, the judges deciding that there was no case against him.

The trial of an ex-lieutenant of police, Cassin, formerly a bugler in the Rough Riders, on the charge of murder in killing a Cuban major in Havana several months ago, is proceeding, and will probably be concluded on Monday next. It is believed that Cassin will be convicted, although many Americans who have been present at the trial express doubt as to its result, declaring that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the prisonhere is a strong sentiment in favor of the prison-r. The man whom Cassin killed was idolized by a

FIRE LOCOMOBILE SENT TO HAVANA. ocomobile fire wagon which has been used by Chief Croker during the last few days in responding to alarms. The machine was shipped at the ing to alarms. The machine was shipped at the last minute. It will be used in Havana by Fire Commissioner Scanneil, who salled for Cuba on the same steamer, to exhibit the latest and most improved fire apparatus of New-York's Fire Department, and will be placed in the Fire Headquarters at Havana. It was said by the officials of the Ward Line that the locomobile will be the first machine of its kind to be introduced into Cuba.

CHAPLAIN CHIDWICK GONE TO HAVANA Among the passengers on the Ward Line steamer Havana, bound for Cuba, yesterday afternoon was the Rev. John Chidwick, who was the chaplain of the Maine when she was blown up. Father Chidwick has been ordered to Havana to officiate at the disinterment of the bodies of the sailors and marines of the Maine who were buried in Cubar

ALABAMA SENATOR CONTEST.

ANOTHER MORGAN SUPPORTER CHOSEN IN JOHN DELANY.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 9 (Special).-Returns from the Democratic primary election held in Col-bert County to-day, although partial, leave no room to doubt the nomination of John Delany to the State Legislature. Mr. Delany is a John T. Morgan man, and will vote for Morgan to succeed Morgan man, and will vote for Morgan to succeed himself in the United States Senate. The net result of four primaries so far held is two votes for Morgan, one for Governor Johnston and one for former Congressman Oates. Five more counties will act next Saturday and the remainder in February. As between Johnston and Morgan, the latter shows preponderance in strictly Democratic counties, and that has given his supporters a great deal of confidence. Morgan's prospects are much better than they were a few weeks ago.

TO CALL ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE. The committee of the Board of Trade and Transportation appointed to try to bring the Republican National Convention to this city next year met yesterday and appointed several sub-committees for active work. Among the members of a committee appointed to go to Washington and appear before the Republican National Committee appear before the Republican National Committee are Senator Platt, Senator Depew, Chairman Odell of the Republican State Committee, Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, ex-Mayor Strong, ex-Governor Black, John Jacob Astor, Collector Bldwell, Appraiser Wakeman, Postmaster Van Cott, John Claflin, Brayton Ives, General Stewart L. Woodford, Health Officer Doty, John H. Starin and Joel B. Erhardt.

COMMITTEE WAITS ON SENATOR DEPEW. A committee consisting of General E. A. McAlpin and General Howard Carroll waited on Senato Depew at his office in the Grand Central Station yesterday for the purpose of asking him to present at the next meeting of the Republican National Committee the claims of New-York for the Repub-Committee the claims of New-York for the Republican National Convention. It was urged by the committee that the scheme was not in the interest of any faction, party or class, but that it had the indorsement of all beople who are anxious to advance business in New-York.

"It means a million visitors to the city," said General Carroll, "and that means business for everybody who has anything to sell, for hotels, steamboats, railroads and places of amusement." Senator Depew said that he would take pleasure in doing what he could to further the claims of New-York.

WILL NEW-YORK GET THE CONVENTION? Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9 (Special).-Judge Mc

Chure, who will represent Ambassador Powell Clayton at the coming meeting of the Republican

National Committee, says he will vote for New-York for the place for holding the National Re-publican Convention under certain conditions. RECEPTION FOR POULTNEY BIGELOW.

A reception for Poultney Bigelow was given by the Metropolitan Propaganda Bureau of the Natio Single Taxer in the Astor Gallery of the Walderf-Astoria Friday night. Mr. Bigelow delivered an ad-Astoria Friday hight. Ar. Elgelow delivered an address on "The Seat of War in South Africa," in which he described the impression he received upon a visit to the Transvaal. He was introduced by John De Witt Warner, and among those present were Bolton Hall, George Foster Peabody, Ernest H. Crosby, Lawson Purdy, Tom L. Johnson, W. D. McCracken, Thomas G. Shearman, John J. Hopper, Samuel Seabury and John S. Crosby. RAILROAD INTERESTS.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NEW-HAVEN. WILLIAM F. MERRILL CHOSEN TO SUCCEED Assemblyman Harris Wilson, a member of the WILLIAM D. BISHOP.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad held at the Grand Central Station yesterday William F. Merrill was elected vice-president, to succeed Williiam D. Bishop, who has handed in his resignation, to take effect on January 1, 1900. Mr. Merrill comes from the Erie Railroad, where he is second vice-Chauncey M. Depew presided at the neeting. Resolutions were passed expressing regret at the action of Charles P. Clark in resigning the presidency. Mr. Clark declined a re-election on account of ill health. The resolutions acknowledge the signal and able services of Mr. Clark in behalf of the road and the territory tributary to it. William F. Merrill, the new vice-president, was

born in Montague, Mass., in 1842. He is a railroad man of much experience and ability. He took up the study of civil engineering at an early age, and attended Amherst College. In 1862 he enlisted in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army, and on leaving the Army was a commissioned officer. He took a scientific course in the Lawrence School, at Harvard. He was at one time associated with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. When the great strike of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers occurred on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Mr. Merrill was at that time division superintendent of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs branch of the road. The storm centre of the strike was in Kansas City, and Mr. Merrill had charge of affairs there. Mr. Merrill managed matters with such ability that he won the confidence not only of all the officials, but of Chief Arthur, who had charge in Kansas City for the strikers. Mr. Merrill prevented by his influence much bloodshed and destruction of property. He afterward became superintendent and general manager of the Burlington system. He was connected subsequently with the Wabash and the Chicago and Alton, and is now second vice-president of the Erie system.

The nomination of Mr. Merrill for vice-president of the road was made to the Board of Directors by President Hall, and came in the way of a surprise to that body, as it was stated after the meeting that not any of the directors had been informed of President Hall's choice until they assembled in the Board room. It is understood that the choice of the president was unanimously approved by the Board. lington and Quincy Mr. Merrill was at that time

COLORADO AND SOUTHERN EXTENSION. PURCHASE OF SIERRA MADRE ROAD PROPOSED TO SECURE A MEXICAN COAST OUTLET.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 9 .- General J. M. Dodge, of New-York, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Colorado and Scuthern Railway, with six other directors, representatives of the Rock Island Railway, and New-York owners of the Sierra Madre Railway, are here. It leaked out from official sources that the object of their visit is to inspect the Sierra Madre Railway, which the Colorado and Southern will purchase and extend to the Mexican Southern will purchase and extend to the Mexican Pacific Coast. General Dodge and others, after inspecting the line, will go to Mexico City to procure the concessions for the extension. It is the object of the Colorado and Southern and Rock Island railways to connect with the El Paso and Northeastern, and by absorbing the Sierra Madre to obtain direct connection with the Mexican coast on the Pacific. The Sierra Madre terminates at Casas Grandes, Mexico, 150 miles southwest of this point, and when extended will tap a vast coal, timber and mineral region in Schora.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S EXTENSION. In speaking a day or two ago of the official an-

ouncement that the Savannah extension of the Southern Rallway would be opened for traffic today. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, was quoted as follows: "The determination of the Southern Railway Company to extend its lines to Savannah was reached in March last. when the Florida Central and Peninsular was sold to a syndicate allied with the Seaboard system, as the Southern could no longer expect that the Florida Central and Peninsular would be operated, as theretofore, as a preferential connection of its lines. The most logical alliance for the Southern to seek was, of course, the Plant System, as that system has no interests north of Charleston, and it therefore, be neutral in its relations with the Southern, as compared with its other Northern connec tion, the Atlantic Coast Line. Such neutrality could not have been expected from the Florida Central and Peninsular. The line will be opened at the time originally fixed last spring, and it is fully prepared to do the Florida business of the Southern as well or better than it has ever been done. We bought about fifty miles of line, which has been put in good condition, and built thirty miles of new put in good condition, and built thirty miles of new railroad immediately south from Columbia. For the remainder of the distance to Savannah, trackage rights for Southern trains have been leased over the Charleston and Western Carolina and the Plant System tracks, including the use of Plant System terminals in Savannah, until the new union station in that city shall be completed, a year hence. The total fixed charges of the Southern for the entire line from Columbia to Savannah, including the entire line from Columbia to Savannah, including interest on cost of property purchased or built, and rentals for trackage rights and terminals, will be \$63,000 per annum, which represents the interest at 5 per cent on less than \$8,000 per mile of road. This makes the extension a very cheap, and beyond doubt, a profitable one. By means of it the Southern reaches the important city of Savannah and there connects most advantageously for all points in Florida and the West Indies with the Plant System, and, through that system, with the Florida East Coast Company at Jacksonville."

NEW SEABOARD AIR LINE SYSTEM. RALEIGH AND GASTON ABSORBS A DOZEN OTHER LINES.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.-The initial steps providing for the unification of the Seaboard Air Line system were taken at the general meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, held in Raleigh to-day, Resolutions were passed looking to the early absorption by the Raieigh and Gaston of the following roads: The Raleigh and Augusta Air Line, the Durham and Northern, the Roanoke and Tar River, the Louisburg, the Pittsboro, the Carolina Central, the Pal metto, the Chesterfield and Kershaw, the Georgia, Carolina and Northern, the Logansville and Law renceville, and the Seaboard Air Line Belt and other allied lines.

The terms of acquisition are to be arranged by the directors, who are to make their report at an adjourned meeting of the stockholders, to be held in Raleigh on December 21. The proceedings of the meeting were almost unanimous, 99 \$-10 per cent of the entire stock voting in favor of the plan, Among those present at to-day's meeting were President Williams. Vice-President and General Manager St. John, Directors Hoffman, Middendorfer, Blackford, Johnson and Stronach, General Counsel L. R. Watts and Judge Cross, of the law firm of Cowen, Cross & Bond, of Baltimore, counsel for the consolidated company. Judge Cross and Judge Watts both express themselves as highly pleased with the progress made to-day. President Williams says that the situation is extremely satisfactory, and that there is nothing now that can materially interfere with the consummation of their plans for the operation as one system of the eighteen separate railroads which constitute the greater seaboard, whose lines will reach from Washington and Norfolk on the northeast to Jacksonville, Tampa, Tallahassee, Montgomery and Atlanta in the South and Southwest. in Raleigh on December 21. The proceedings of the

THROUGH TRAIN TO FLORIDA. The Southern Railway's first through train to

Florida, by way of Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington, thence Southern Railway to Savannah, and Plant System, left New-York yesterday at 3:25 p. m. Hereafter the Southern Railway service to Florida from New-York will be operated by that

MR. DANIELS'S NEW BUREAU. George H. Daniels, general passenger agent of

the New-York Central, has added a steamship bureau to the equipment of the passenger service of the road. Mr. Daniels has secured Captain Louis Ingwersen and F. A. G. Schultze to superintend Ingwersen and F. A. G. Schultze to superintend the new bureau. It will be the duty of these deputies to meet all incoming transatiantic liners and the principal coastwise steamships to assist passengers who wish to leave the city by way of the Vanderbilt system. They will be prepared to furnish rallway tickets, parlor and sleeping car accommodations, and to assist passengers with their paggage and check it to points on the rallway lines after it has been passed by the customs officials. They will also procure for passengers the cheap cabs operated by the New-York Central and furnish time tables and general information.

PRESIDENT OF NEW PULLMAN COMPANY. Chicago, Dec. 9 .- "The Tribune" to-day says that Robert T. Lincoln, president of the merged Pull-man and Wagner palace car companies, will re-main at the head of the new corporation. It has been reported from time to time that W. Seward Webb, a brother-in-law of W. K. Vanderbilt, would succeed Mr. Lincoln, and yesterday the report was succeed Mr. Lincoln, and yesterday the report was renewed. Mr. Lincoln was asked if the story was true. He replied: "It is news to me." Further than this he declined to discuss the affairs of the company. However, from other sources it was learned that the executive management of the new company would be largely the same that has conducted the Chicago corporation with notable success. Dr. Webb, instead of becoming president, will remain a director, serving in that capacity more or less prominently, as his other affairs warrant.

pany will establish its repair shops on the property purchased some time ago in Newmarket. The offi-cials of the railroad have received assurance that the township officials will tax them fairly. The plant will probably be built within a year.

CONSUMPTION "CURE."

TESTING STATIC ELECTRICITY AS & MEDIUM FOR CONVEYING MEDICA. TION INTO THE LUNGS.

A number of letters have been received at St. Luke's Hospital regarding the tests being made there of a new method for curing tuberculosis of the lungs. The treatment is administered by Fran cisque Crotte, under the supervision of the hospital authorities, and while no results have yet been reached that can be announced, the assertions made in behalf of the method have caused consumptives in different parts of the country to write to the hospital for information. It is declared that three fourths of the patients in the early stages of the disease can be cured, and that is more advanced stages 30 per cent recover.

The Rev. Dr. George S. Baker, superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, said yesterday to a Tribuns reporter that the exact facts with reference to the treatment were as follows:

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This Francisque Crotte, a Frenchman, was brought to the attention of the hospital authorities, as making great claims for the use of static electricity as a medium for conveying medication into the lungs and killing the tubercular bacilli. The management of St. Luke's Hospital entered into an agreement with M. Crotte to give him facilities for his work, which is to be conducted under the supervision of the Medical Board of the hospital, who will apply to it strictly scientific tests to prove its value. Such tests have been in progress for some months, and several months more will be required before the Medical Board can arrive at a definite conclusion as to its value.

Realizing the dangers of premature publication, as awakening hopes of those unfortunately afflicted with this disease before the value of the method could be tested, it was clearly stipulated, as a part of the agreement with M. Crotte that no publication should be made until the Medical Board was able to speak officially as to its value or lack of value as a cure for consumption. If the public will only be patient and await the results of the scientific tests, the Medical Board in due time will make its report, which will be given to the public. Of course, the hospital cannot indorse the claims made on behalf of the treatment until the matter has been fully and scientifically tested.

public. Of course, the hospital cannot indorse the claims made on behalf of the treatment until the matter has been fully and scientifically tested. The method is based on the belief that medication can be carried on an electric current into the lungs in sufficient quantities and of sufficient strength to kill the tubercular bacilli without injury to the tissue of the lungs.

It is not desirable to have the hospital flooded with applications from all parts of the country. When the Koch lymph experiments were made here, many poor consumptives spent their last dollar to get to New-York and could not get home without assistance. In the interests of suffering humanity we do not wish to awaken hopes till there is some reasonable prospect of consumptives being benefited by the method.

QUEST OF DR. STORRS'S SUCCESSOR

GEORGE P. STOCKWELL CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY

The Committee of Twenty, consisting of ten members of the church society, which is to recommend a successor to the Rev. Dr. Richard Salter Storrs. rganized last night. George P. Stockwell, at whose home, No. 37 Remsen-st., Brooklyn, the meeting vote. John Notman, representing the church so

DYNAMITE BLAST HURTS FIVE MEN.

A PICK STRIKES AN UNEXPLODED CARTRIDGE IN THE ROAD NEAR NEW-ROCHELLE.

Five men in the employ of Bellow & Merrit, contractors, were badly injured yesterday afternoon while at work in the Old Boston Post Road near New-Rochelle. The men were blasting, and had set five sticks of dynamite. They were touched off, and Foreman William McDonald and four laborers and Foreman William McDonald and four laborers went into the pit to lay gas mains, which are to run from New-Rochelle to Larchmont. Soon after starting to remove the broken rock there was a terrific explosion, and the five men were hurled into the air. One of the sticks of dynamite for some reason had not exploded with the others, and it was struck with a pick. All the men were badly cut about the face, arms and legs by flying stones. They were taken to New-Rochelle and cared for. All will recover.

FATALLY BURNED AS SHE SLEPT.

WOMAN ENVELOPED IN FLAMES ON HER COUCH IN ORANGE VALLEY.

Orange, Dec. 9 (Special) .- Mrs. Mary Halpern, of No. 46 McChesney-st., Orange Valley, was fatally burned this morning. The probabilities are that a coal from a stove fell on the lounge on which she was lying asleep, setting it on fire. No one was present except three little children, who are unable to tell anything about the accident. Neighbors saw smoke issuing from the house, and burst in the door.

The woman was placed in an ambulance and covered with a blanket. The swift motion of the air in the ambulance fanned some of the sparks in her clothing and they broke out into flame before the hospital was reached, but were quickly put out. Mrs. Halpern lingered in great agony for several hours, dying this afternoon. The fire in the house was soon put out by the Fire Department.

INVESTIGATING NUTLEY POSTOFFICE.

Nutley, Dec. 9.-Inspector Snow, of the Postoffice Department, has in his possession, according to George E. Clymer, a Newark lawyer, twenty letters, several newspapers and catalogues and one package, addressed to Mr. Wright, the school principal, which are alleged to have been found in the basement of the home of Leonard Rusby, possmaster of Nuley. Inspector Snow is making an investigation to learn whether there is anything wrong in the Nutley postoffice. According to the charges in the local paper, a young man who had been engaged by the postmaster to clean out the basement when he moved, found the mail matter.

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The postmaster says that there might have been the postmaster says that there might have been the basement, but he some second class matter in the basement, but he denies there were any letters. He says he welcomes an investigation.

NEW-JERSEY SANITARY ASSOCIATION. Atlantic City, Dec. 9.- The New-Jersey Sankary

Association in session here to-day elected officers as follows: President, George W. Howell, of Moras follows: President, George W. Hovel, and ristown; first vice-president, Herbert B. Baldwin, of Newark; second vice-president, H. Brewster Wills, of New-Brunswick; third vice-president, Dr. J. L. Leal, of Paterson; recording secretary, James A. Exton, of Arlington; corresponding secretary, N. L. Wilson, of Elizabeth; treasurer, George H. Olicott, of East Orange; chairman of Council, M. N. Baker, of Montelair.

HOME OF MRS. E. L. WAITE BURNED. Rahway, Dec. 9.—The handsome home of Mrs. Erskine Latimer Waite, in Lindon-ave., this city. was completely destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Waite and the servants were not morning. Mrs. Waite and the servants were not aware of the fire until after it had gained considerable headway. They were taken in by neighbors and furnished with clothing.

The Fire Department was handicapped by the scarcity of water. The loss is about \$20,00, including \$10,000 worth of diamonds and paintings. The damage is partly covered by insurance. It is thought a defective flue caused the fire.

POISONED BY SWALLOWING PINS.

Mrs. Jennie Smith, twenty-eight years old, died at her home, No. 313 Liberty-st., Union Hill, yes terday, from an illness which Dr. Wallace White says was caused by swallowing pins. Before her marriage, ten months ago, Mrs. Smith, who was I marriage, ten months ago, Mrs. Smith, who was a Miss Doggett, was employed in a Union Hill Sik Mill as a "blocker." She frequently put small pins in her mouth, and often swallowed them. Her physician said that the pins inflamed her threat, and eventually poisoned her system. Although she had consumption, Dr. White contended that the practice of swallowing pins was responsible for her death.

DIED FROM GRIEF FOR HER SISTER. Miss Laura Winton, daughter of ex-Senator Wis-ton, proprietor of "The Bergen County Herald," died at Hackensack, at noon yesterday, after an illness of three weeks. Miss Winton was prostrated with grief and nervousness upon hearing of the death of her sister. Mrs. Fannie Oakley, who died from the same disease one month after her marriage, just three weeks ago.

THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER'S ILLNESS. The Duke of Manchester did not sail for England on the Umbria yesterday, as he had expected to do, when he learned that his sister, Lady Alice

RAILROAD SHOPS TO GO TO NEWMARKET.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 2.—There seems to be little doubt now that the Lehigh Valley Railroad Com-